

2024 Real Ale & Gin Festival - Gins



No.	Name	ABV	Country of origin	Tasting Notes
1	Costwold Double-Barrelled	46%	<i>England</i>	This has been aged in both first-fill ex-bourbon casks and ex-red wine casks, resulting in a bold flavour profile combining rich fruit and well-defined oak notes. White peach, rounded red berries and sweet cinnamon,
2	Forged Gin Sherbet Lemon	37.5%	<i>England</i>	Take a walk down memory lane with childhood sweets with a zesty kick. A burst of both sweet and tangy lemon, sharp lemon juice and a gentle spicy undertone.
3	Palma Oak Aged Spiced	40.4%	<i>Spain</i>	Aged in Majorcan oak barrels which previously held local wine, then vanilla, cinnamon and clove are added to the spirit while it rests in said barrels. Aromatic baking spice and dried fruit, with hints of orange, sweeter vanilla and tannic oak, with a suggestion of red grape skin.
4	GINgle All The Way	46%	<i>England</i>	A big hit of aromatic spiciness, with distinctive nutmeg and cinnamon, dusty cocoa and freshly baked gingerbread. A touch of melted chocolate richness, with cinnamon stick and oily, zesty orange.
5	Four Pillars Bloody Shiraz	37.8%	<i>Australia</i>	This intriguing treat is the delicious result of mixing Four Pillars Rare Dry Gin with Yarra Valley Shiraz grapes. Piney juniper, raspberry, plum, a pinch of peppercorn and just a smidge of citrus zest.
6	Uncle Val's Peppered	45%	<i>USA</i>	This gin takes its name from brand owner August Sebastiani's Uncle Val and his Tuscany garden that contained distinctly Italian botanicals including lemon, sage and lavender alongside the juniper. These are joined by black pepper, red sweet pepper and pimento to give it a fiery kick.
7	Icewine Old Tom	42.1%	<i>England</i>	An Old Tom that's been sweetened with delicious Canadian icewine rather than sugar. Instantly rich and unlike other sweetened gins. The juniper is still there with lemon zest and curd alongside honeysuckle, tinned peaches and treacle tart.
8	Crafters Veronica & Fennel London Dry	43%	<i>Estonia</i>	Well-balanced spice and citrus sweetness, with layers of rosemary, juniper and zesty grapefruit. This Estonian gin is made with Veronica and fennel seed, alongside a selection of other classic botanicals.
9	Spirit of Skegness Sicilian Lemon	37.5%	<i>England</i>	This Sicilian Lemon Gin is packed with zesty citrus flavour and an array of botanicals such as juniper, almond, blueberry and liquorice. Crisp with sweet hints of lemon drops and fresh zesty peels balancing bold juniper and a warm hint of anise.
10	Three Wrens Passion Fruit	40%	<i>England</i>	Distilled with juniper and sweet orange peel in the pot, while freshly sliced passion fruits hang in a botanical basket near the still neck, so the vapour passes through it and picks up some fruity flavour. After distillation the gin is blended with pure passion fruit to bolster the tropical, fruity character.
11	Drebbel Small Batch	40%	<i>Holland</i>	A marvellous London Dry distilled from French grain using water from 100-metre deep wells in a natural reservoir, considered the purest water in Holland, it brings a crisp, mineral character that works fabulously in a G&T.
12	TBGC Chocolate Orange	46%	<i>England</i>	The richness of chocolate makes a great partner to the vibrant zestiness of orange, and the herbaceous deliciousness of gin blends brilliantly with the both of them. Fresh clementine and enjoyably bitter cacao intermingle at the core, while floral elements bring lightness to the mixture.
13	Amazzoni Gin Maniara	38%	<i>Brazil</i>	A bright and citrusy cumquat gin bursting with all the zest and zip you'd expect. It's made by steeping locally grown cumquats in Brookie's Dry Gin for several months.
14	Bareksten Double Gin	43%	<i>Norway</i>	This vibrant gin is made by distilling juniper by itself, and distilling eight other botanicals together, and then blending them together. Hence, Double Gin. Orange peel and elderflower brightness, with earthy juniper spiciness building underneath.
15	Whitby Bramble and Bay	38%	<i>England</i>	Berries and herbs are a match made in heaven. There's blackberry, bay leaf, heather tip, Yorkshire Moors honey and sugar kelp. Expect a brilliant balance of sweet and savoury.
16	Thunder Really Pink	37.5%	<i>England</i>	Alongside traditional gin botanicals like juniper and coriander, this expression features plenty of elderberry, raspberry, and redcurrant notes. Zesty berry sweetness sits up front, with a backbone of spicy juniper.
17	Amazzoni Gin Rio Negro	51%	<i>Brazil</i>	Amázzoni Gin Rio Negro is the second expression from the Brazilian brand, which dials up the juniper, lemon and coriander notes. A hefty kick of juniper and coriander, cooled by sweeter hints of lemon and orange. Enjoyable cacao and pine bitterness sticks around on the finish.

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18	Audemus Pink Pepper	44%	<i>France</i>	Made with hand-picked pink peppercorns and a handful of other tasty botanicals (including honey, vanilla and cardamom - all of which are macerated separately then distilled under low pressure and temperature). You'll find a good juxtaposition between sweet and spicy notes in this one.
19	Ampersand Mango Chilli	37.5%	<i>Spain</i>	A fruit, spicy Spanish gin bringing together the deliciousness of mango, chilli, and of course, gin. Mango goes impressively well with spicy ingredients, so it was only a matter of time before someone made a gin featuring that tasty juxtaposition. Bright, tangy mango arrives right away, but soon enough earthy juniper, coriander and a crackle of peppery heat develops.
20	Dancing Sands	44%	<i>New Zealand</i>	The gin is double distilled and botanicals are vapour infused, before the spirit is blended with water sourced from the Dancing Sands Spring. A good hit of juniper, with warming and spicy cardamom and coriander, a subtle hint of chocolate followed by a long, sweet and spicy finished, with peppercorn and liquorice intertwined.
21	Hooting Owl VIE Pink Grapefruit & Pineapple	42%	<i>England</i>	Get your tangy tropical gin fix with this Pink Grapefruit & Pineapple expression from Hooting Owl up in Yorkshire! The bittersweet citrus and sweet, tongue-tingling pineapple work wonders alongside each other in this vibrant gin.
22	Conker Spirit RNLI Navy Strength	57%	<i>England</i>	Heavy juniper influence, crisp and herbaceous. A wash of coastal flowers and zesty citrus peels develops afterwards (though peppery juniper persists throughout). Cooling mint leaf and a touch of macadamia nut sweetness. Conker Spirit are donating £5 to the RNLI for every bottle sold.
23	Peddlers Shanghai Craft	45.7%	<i>China</i>	There are juniper berries, Sichuan peppers, lotus, East Asian mint, liquorice, Tianshan almonds, angelica, cardamom pods, coriander seeds, Chinese cassia bark, and Buddha's Hand, a citrusy fruit used in traditional Chinese medicine for centuries that is a symbol of longevity and fortune.
24	Mataroa Mediterranean Dry Pink	38%	<i>Greece</i>	A fabulously fruity and floral expression from the folks at Mataroa Gin in Greece. Greek pomegranate and Egyptian hibiscus join an array of classic botanicals such as orange, lemon, Greek mastic, chamomile, bay leaf, liquorice, angelica, and lavender, for a superbly fresh and fragrant profile.
25	Nelson's Rhubarb and Custard	41%	<i>England</i>	Incorporating rhubarb into the mix of botanicals which includes Madagascan vanilla, cinnamon from Sri Lanka and lemongrass and kaffir lime leaves from Thailand. Sharp, sweet rhubarb stands out, with mellow vanilla balancing out the tart fruit notes. Citrus peels and Christmas-y spice in the background.
26	Bobby's Schiedam	42%	<i>Holland</i>	Made with a combination of local and exotic ingredients, including juniper, clove, lemongrass, cubeb peppers and rosehips. Highlighting the meeting of Dutch and Indonesian flavours in the spirit. Floral as it opens with fresh rose, followed by a hint of red berry sweetness. Coriander gives it a fragrant spice throughout.
27	Booths Finest	43%	<i>England</i>	Gin fans might be rubbing their eyes in disbelief here, because Booth's Gin is back! Sticking to the iconic design of the original bottles, this is a brand new iteration – an impressive dry gin, that has been treated to a stay in sherry casks! Crisp juniper with creamy oak and delicate citrus.
28	Boadicea	40%	<i>England</i>	The spirit itself is made from barley grown in Norfolk, while the botanicals used include juniper, citrus and nettle. Bright lemon and grapefruit, soft vanilla and a few bursts of earthy juniper.

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